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Admiral on List For Head of CIA, Carter Aide Says

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A White House aide confirmed yesterday that Adm. Stansfield Turner, commander of NATO forces in southern Europe, is one of several candidates for nomination as Central Intelligence Agency director.

Presidential aide Hamilton Jordan said Turner is "under serious consideration" for the post, along with several others whom Jordan would not name.

Carter's choice of Theodore C. Sorensen, a top aide to President Kennedy, ran into Senate opposition and Serensen withdrew last month. Carter told reporters on Jan. 30 that he was considering "six or seven" persons for the job.

INBC Nightly News reported last night that Carter aides say that Turner is the "likely choice" and believe his appointment will be announced early this week.

[Turner returned to the United States early last week at the President's request and met with Carter on Thursday to discuss the job. He went to the White House yesterday morning to discuss the post with Carter aides and refused to comment on reports he would soon be nominated, NBC said.]

Turner, 53, was a classmate of Carter's at the Naval Academy, where he graduated first in the class of 1946. Later he earned a master's degree in foreign affairs while a Rhodes scholar.